

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the present application, and this Amendment and Response is the Applicant's reply to the USPTO Office Action having a mailing date of August 10, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 17-21 and allowed Claims 1-16 and 22-25. The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's recognition of the allowed claims.

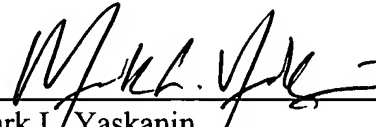
The Applicant herewith cancels Claims 17-21 to expedite the granting of a patent. However, the Applicant does not disclaim the subject matter of the cancelled claims, and furthermore, the Applicant expressly preserves the right to file a continuation application to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims, as well as any other subject matter disclosed by the Applicant in the present application. Furthermore, it is noted that the Applicant believes that, either in their present form or upon amending the wording of the claims, Claims 17-21 contain allowable subject matter.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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